

# **SUFFOLK COUNTY VANDERBILT MUSEUM**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Board of Trustees was held on January 18, 2006 in the Planetarium Lobby, Centerport, New York.

#### **The following were in attendance:**

Dr. Steven Gittelman - President  
Daniel Olivieri - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Susan LeBow - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Michael B. DeLuise – Treasurer  
David D’Orazio - Secretary  
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Carl Luecke - Trustee  
William Macchione - Trustee  
Gretchen Oldrin-Mones - Trustee  
Dr. Anthony Pecorale - Trustee  
Dr. William Rogers - Trustee  
Bertram E. Seides - Trustee  
J. Lance Mallamo - Executive Director  
Bill Dieck - Staff  
Mitch Spivak - Staff  
Ann Marie Pastore - Stenographer

#### **Excused Absence:**

Maria Figalora - Trustee

#### **Absent:**

Ronald Parr - Trustee

**(Dr. Steven Gittelman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.)**

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Good evening, everybody. It's a chilly night. You're all good troopers. There are no guests and visitors so we don't need a list of them tonight. This is a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum. Can I have a motion to approve the minutes?

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

Before we do that, as is our custom each year, we want to thank our stenographer, Ann Marie, for her efforts each year. She strives for perfection and usually succeeds. We thank her for her timeliness and professionalism in her job. Everyone on the Board appreciates her efforts each year, and Happy New Year.

**MS. PASTORE:**

Thank you.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

We don't need a motion but that's the sense of everybody, and that better be on the record.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

Oh, yes, please, that should be on the record. On to the minutes, the minutes are fine. However, on page 19 Lance references an attachment concerning leased and highly compensated employees that he was going to give you to attach. I don't know if the attachment ever made it or if perhaps mine was just missing it.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Did I give you that attachment, Ann Marie?

**MS. PASTORE:**

I thought I attached it, but I will double check and get back to you, Lance.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

Other than that, I move that the minutes be accepted as presented.

**MR. KLEINBERG:**

Second.

**MR. LUECKE:**

Are those the minutes of the December meeting?

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

These are the minutes of the December 7 meeting.

**MR. LUECKE:**

I usually get the minutes. For some reason, I don't think I received those.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? **It carries unanimously. (Vote: 12/0/0/3 Not Present: Mr. Macchione. Absent: Ms. Figalora & Mr. Parr.)**

Public Relations Report, Todd Shapiro isn't here.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Todd is not here tonight. He informed me that he wasn't going to be able to make it tonight, but I met with Todd and his staff yesterday to work out a program for the year. We're going to be working on a new project, our Winter Fun Festival during President's Week. We're going to be working on promoting that right off the bat. Todd has a few new ideas on special activities that can occur later in the year here, particularly in conjunction with the habitat restoration. That will be our focus later on.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Any questions or comments? Buildings and Grounds Committee, Bill Macchione is not here.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

I can report two Buildings and Grounds issues. We were successful in December in having our two capital projects for the waterfront and ADA compliance adopted. We had some concerns about that. There was concern that they were not going to make it to the Legislature, but they did. We had unanimous support in the Legislature for those projects. We are currently working on the Capital Budget submission for 2007 – 2009. We are working on that right now. That will be submitted by the first week in February, and I'll have a copy for the Trustees at the February meeting.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Questions or comments from that report?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Tony.

**DR. PECORALE:**

Where do we stand with the habitat?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

The habitat restoration, I have a meeting with the County architect and the DPW staff tomorrow and on other capital projects including the habitat. We are asking for a one-year extension for the grant funding for that project. We're going to submit that within the month. That would make the project completed in May 2007.

**DR. PECORALE:**

Is that grant funding in jeopardy?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

No, we have kept them apprised all along. They have been happy with the progress that we have made in repairing the leaks that were in the room, the plumbing and the HVAC projects. It's a bit of a delay, but we're still on schedule with them. They had recommended to us that we ask for the extension.

**DR. PECORALE:**

Thank you.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Dan.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

Where are we standing with the new furnaces for these buildings?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

What makes you think we need new furnaces?

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

I just have this little pet project going, that along with the lions.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

That will be the subject of my meeting tomorrow as well. The project did go out to bid back in September. The bids came in much higher than what was expected. They're looking to come up with either an alternative, such as scaling the project back, which will eliminate a number of buildings from receiving the furnaces, or re-bidding the whole project.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

I thought the County was going to put them in.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

They will put them in, but the bids that came in were higher than the appropriation that we had. We either have to scale the project back, get more money, or –

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

Do we want to go back to Key Span and say, "Hey, guys, do you want to put your furnaces in and hook them up for us?"

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Well, we did talk to Key Span about that, Dan. I think you were there. The guy that we spoke to wasn't willing to do that.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

Well, that's him. We've got another guy we can talk to, if we

need to do that.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

No, we have the guy who will do the talking, so go do some talking.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

What do you want to do? Tell me tomorrow what you want me to do.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

I'd be happy to.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

He'll be happy to tell you tomorrow.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

On that subject.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

I will tell you one of the issues that we have right now. The furnace at Normandy Manor has been breaking down at least once a week. In fact, even when the furnace is on, my office in particular never gets heat. I look at it as my penance.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

There is something justifiable about that.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

That building is not included in the current project at all. That's an issue for us. Our plumber has told us that we really need a new furnace in here. I told him I realized that but we don't have the money for that currently, nor are we in a position to fund it.

**MR. SEIDES:**

Is that an oil-fired furnace?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

It's oil. We have brought the gas to the building, but the whole system really needs to be replaced, not just the furnace, but the

whole heating system there.

**DR. PECORALE:**

Lance.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes.

**DR. PECORALE:**

I just heard something that wasn't what I understood. I thought that it was going to be that you could do oil or gas and that it was going to be able to have a switch where you can go either way.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

No, these are all being converted to gas. We will not be converting to oil because they are taking out the oil tanks for most of the buildings as the conversion takes place.

**DR. PECORALE:**

So we're going to be totally in gas.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

You have to remember, Tony, when this thing started how many years ago that made economic sense. I know what you're talking about now because the modern thinking is to do gas/oil systems for new buildings and flipping a switch depending on what the costs are and what you have. We're not there, though. We're three or four years behind.

**DR. PECORALE:**

And the additional cost to have a system that uses either is not much more expensive.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

As Lance said, how much money do we have to put in any system?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

And in our case, many of our tanks had to be replaced. The gas, I think, for our purposes here at the museum is purer than the oil because it eliminates the problems of puff backs and oil spills, which we have had here. We had a major oil spill here a few years ago when a pump tank broke and pumped the oil right out on to the lawn. We had to take that all away to another state. Just to replace the tanks is very expensive. We have had damage from oil trucks backing down the driveway.

**DR. PECORALE:**

I understand everything you're saying. But even if we had to replace the oil tanks and we didn't replace the oil tanks and we used it strictly as gas, I would personally like you to look into the possibility of installing burners that could use either. There may come a point in time when it would be advantageous to put in a new oil tank and still be able to use oil if it became fiscally feasible.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

I believe that that can be done. Even a gas furnace can be converted. Here at the planetarium we can probably do that because we have kept the oil tank here. It's under the dinosaur building. We have cleaned it out but we did not remove it because that was a new tank. I will make a point of discussing that with the County architect tomorrow, Tony.

**DR. ROGERS:**

As long as you mentioned that word, what about the dinosaur exhibit?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

No, we're not up to the Education and Exhibits Report yet.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

We do have some things to report on that.

**MR. LUECKE:**

Is the tank at Normandy Manor underground or is that



downstairs?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

It's underground, isn't it, Bill?

**MR. DIECK:**

Yes.

**MR. D'ORAZIO:**

They're probably all underground because they have to be large tanks, right?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes.

**DR. PECORALE:**

I also understand the problems with any new tanks that you have to put in, that they have to be double lined. They have to have a system whereby if there's a leak, they will have an alarm sound and all of those things. But I'm looking at it from the standpoint of what might be feasible for the future for the museum. I would not like us to make a decision that's going to lock us in long-term. So I'm asking that consideration be given that the burners have the capacity to do both. I can tell you that the difference in price between a burner that does only one and burners that do both, because they're all air-atomizing units today, is not very different in price. It's just that engineering at the time that you put it in.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

I will discuss that with DPW. I will have to investigate the arrangement that DPW affirmed with Key Span for the conversion because we were reimbursed by Key Span for the value. The furnaces were put in, and Key Span made a major contribution of about \$200,000 – I think it was \$191,000 to bring the gas mains on to this property and bring them up Little Neck Road. I will bring this up tomorrow. I would be happy to.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

I spoke with someone who I think will be willing to come in there

whose business is to advise companies that own a lot of buildings on exactly these issues. If you're willing, Lance, I will hook them up. Maybe you could have someone give them a 20 minute tour of the buildings and he'll give you a report of what he thinks and what the costs are.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

That would be most welcome.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

And he won't charge.

**(Mr. Macchione entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.)**

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Thank you. Michael DeLuise, Development Committee.

**MR. DELUISE:**

The Development Committee, even though it's winter we have to start thinking about what we're going to be doing for the spring, the summer and the fall. We will be getting together at our next committee meeting to talk about any fundraisers that we have coming up.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

We haven't met since the last Trustees' meeting. I'll call you within the next few days and set a meeting up.

**MR. DELUISE:**

Anything to add to that, Lance?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

No, that's basically it.

**MR. DELUISE:**

Thank you.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Education and Exhibits Committee, Marge and Gretchen.

## **MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

Since the last board meeting, the Education and Exhibits Committee has met twice, on December 12 and January 17. We focused mainly on trying to develop and advertise new courses and activities in the face of financial adversity and reporting staff concerns.

As you know, we offer a variety and level of programming here at the Vanderbilt that just is not available anywhere else. Now Lance and the staff have come up with another first. All of the departments have been working on ideas for a Winter Fun Fest in the hopes of enticing the public to visit and participate in our programs in February. I have flyers, and these flyers will tell you some of the things and give you an idea of some of the ideas that are going to be going on during the Winter Fun Fest. So please take as many as you feel you can distribute.

There are going to be specialty tours of the mansion that will highlight collection pieces alluding to presidents, emperors, and a variety of royalty. There will be planetarium and laser programs. Lorraine has created an additional drop-in program centered on maple sugaring. Subway and other refreshments will be sold.

The dinosaur exhibit will be opened. There may even be a string quartet in the Lancaster Room. Educators will hold several drop-in classes for children that will include crafts made from recyclables so that few materials need to be purchased. In fact, the Trustees can help with this by bringing in some materials. I think Marjorie handed out a list of some of the supplies. It's called "Supplies for Winter Fun Fest." I also know that Eric needs empty half-gallon containers of milk, empty two-liter bottles, popsicle sticks, and white paper. Those will be used for birdhouses and other things.

I will give you an example of what kind of drop-in classes we're going to be offering. This book, which I will pass around, is on the unique beauty of snowflakes. It's going to be used by Lorraine in one of the drop-in classes. She will read the book or another snow-themed book. She will show slides of snowflakes,

discuss snow and weather conditions and finally have children create snowflakes. That would be what the white paper is for.

In a different drop-in activity, Eric will demonstrate how to make wreaths out of grapevines and even how to make bird seeder wreaths. He will also show children how to make little greenhouses using zip-lock bags. That's another thing you can contribute, zip-lock bags. This is an exciting and fun new program that could become an annual event.

As we have been reporting for several months, we feel it's essential for our program to be better advertised. To advertise this Winter Fun Fest, Stephanie has contacted Newsday and neighborhood newspapers, and it's hoped that our festival will be mentioned in their coming events section, which is a free service. Dave in the Planetarium is working on preparing a loop of coming events such as the Winter Fun Fest to be played on a DVD, which will be put somewhere here in the lobby at the Planetarium.

Beth has placed free ads on the Channel 18 message board. Thanks to Dave on the Board and Dave in the Planetarium, we are getting lots of free advertisement for our laser shows on 94.5 Radio X. It seems that half the people who came this weekend came because they heard it promoted on this station. However, staff feels that the very best place to effectively advertise our programs is in the *Parents and Children's Guide*, which costs \$640 a quarter, the Town of Huntington Department of Parks and Recreation brochure, which costs \$500 a quarter, and the *Huntington Arts and Cultural News*, which costs \$100 a year and also which I'm told we have recently joined. These publications with the price they cost are being passed around.

Of course, the Board can help, as suggested by Susan at last month's meeting, by distributing materials made available to you. You already have the advertisement for the Winter Fun Fest. I'm passing around a stack of break program flyers for the winter and the spring. Please take as many as you feel you can hand out in a community.

Also in your folders, you have probably found some little mini-

posters about the laser rock shows. Those also can be passed out, probably all in the same places.

As mentioned previously, we have been trying hard to create one or more new courses that do not rely on existing selections. At our meeting, Eric Weaver spoke extensively about reclaiming and preparing at least one of the existing trails for use in our new Long Island Ecosystems Course. Eric, who has taught Biology for 20 years, envisions one and two-hour courses that start with what this area was like hundreds of years ago when the Indians, not the Vanderbilts, were here. He has arrowheads and plenty to say about the sea life, birds, plants, native animals, and the diversity of our ecosystem. Lorraine looks at the trail from an earth science and a geology perspective and has prepared a power point presentation emphasizing things like glacier striations and other geologic features on Long Island and on our property.

Steve Englebright, State Assemblyman from my district, has offered to help facilitate the loan of geological artifacts from the Stony Brook University Museum to the Vanderbilt Museum, thereby providing some of the materials needed for the programs we would like to make available in our 2006-07 educational brochure.

However, with the lay off of two of our four grounds-crew people, the trails have not been worked on, except for what Eric has been able to do. The immediate need is to repair and rebuild some steps at the beginning and the end of the trail so that it is not so steep. If this can be done, we can offer a brand new course or two that would be appropriate for a wide range of age groups, high school students, elementary groups, scouts, even an in-service course for teachers. To make this happen, we are asking for volunteers to work with Eric for a day to build these steps. We also need some used wood and rebar. If you can donate your time or materials to help make this new course become a reality, please put your name on this sheet that is being passed around. You can either check off labor or materials if you're willing to donate either.

I'll cover just some of the many, many other things going on in

the Education and Exhibits Department. Florence used donated and accessioned items to prepare a small exhibit on the Alva in a library display case. The donor family, the McDonel's, will be contacted for a photo op.

In December, Florence, Lance and other staff presented how to develop a Living History Program at the LIMA Conference. It was very well received with a standing room only crowd. Comments such as, "Best presentation ever," were heard. This packet, which I am passing around, will show you some of the ideas that Lance presented and some of the reasons why our Living History Program is such a success.

Incidentally, Florence was elected Vice President of LIMA and will be working on the programs for the upcoming seminars.

"Christmas at the Vanderbilt," was on the cover story of the *Times of Northport* in December. Please take a copy of this rather extensive article.

An article on depression glass collection is planned for the spring and will also be the cover story on the *Times of Northport*. The Vanderbilt's yacht Tarantula II appeared in the November 30 issue of *Newsday*. Please take a copy of that as it comes around.

Two books with references to the Vanderbilt have been donated, *Age of Moguls*, by Stewart Halbroos, and *The Story of Wall Street* by Robert Warshaw. Two recent publications that have included material from our archives are "Thunder at Sunrise" by John Burnes and "Consuelo and Alva Vanderbilt: The Story of a Daughter and a Mother in the Gilded Age" by Amanda Mackenzie Stuart.

Our collections are in demand. The Northport Library wants to borrow some dinosaur items for an exhibit. Previously they borrowed some space items, which they returned. The William Floyd Librarian, Margaret Finney, is returning some Native American artifacts and will borrow some space items.

The Bank of America Grant is being put to good use. Fifty-six



letters have been sent out to qualifying schools. From the replies, Beth and Lorraine will pick 20 schools and each school chosen will be able to send either 90 students to the Museum program or 110 to a Planetarium program courtesy of the Bank of America Grant.

The Mill Pond School in St. James wants to do a reading program with Lorraine in the Planetarium. The C.W. Post Astronomy Department has contacted Lorraine regarding using the Planetarium and telescope for an undergraduate astronomy course.

According to Stephanie, we recently received something new, which is really something very old here at the Vanderbilt. We now have a mammoth tooth on permanent loan from Dr. Young. It was discovered in Alaska and will be displayed in a case in the bird room.

Staff would like us to know that they desperately need broadband internet connection.

We have several thank you's for donations. We would like to thank Roe and Richard Lusak of Port Jefferson for their generous donation of an artificial Christmas tree that was used to brighten up the Planetarium lobby this holiday season. We would like to thank Kathleen Mones for her expertise and time used to educate staff in seminars given here in November on sexual harassment and performance evaluation. Thanks to Brie Hanuszek, who is working in the museum as an unpaid intern. Special thanks to Steve Englebright, New York State Assemblyman, for his offer to help us get artifacts for our extended new Natural History Programs. Finally, thanks to all the Board Members who are going to help by passing out flyers, volunteering and donating material. The Education and Exhibits Committee will meet again on February 13 at 2 p.m.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Tony.

**DR. PECORALE:**

This paper that you handed out of supplies that you need for this

Winter Fun Fest, do you have any idea at all how much this winter brochure is going to cost?

**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

How much the winter brochure is going to be?

**DR. PECORALE:**

Aren't you looking for a sponsor to have our winter brochure sent to a printer to be printed?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

I would estimate that's about \$250.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I believe that's what they said.

**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

While we're looking at that list, this is the sample size. Does anyone need to see this?

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

That's exactly a specimen size from a doctor's office.

**DR. PECORALE:**

I would assume that you want to get this brochure out fairly soon.

**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

The sooner the better.

**DR. PECORALE:**

I'll start off the donation with \$100 toward this.

**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

That's great, Tony.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Thank you.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I'll put up the \$150.



**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

That's wonderful. That brings us that much closer to success.  
Thank you very much.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

But I don't have my checkbook with me tonight.

**MS. LEBOW:**

How much white paper do you estimate you need?

**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

They're going to make snowflakes. That's one of the things they're going to use that for.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I can help with that.

**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

Rolls, reams, whatever you have. I'm not sure how much, though.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

They expect 20 children an hour, and it's going to be open for a week.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

It's actually nine days altogether. It's two weekends.

**MS. LEBOW:**

When we decide what we can donate, who do we speak to?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Just give me a call or send me an e-mail, and we can make arrangements to pick any items up.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I didn't know you wanted fossils. You have a mammoth tooth.

**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

That was donated by the family – not really donated but it's on

permanent loan.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Because I have a mastodon tooth, if you want to add one next to it.

**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

Let me ask Stephanie.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

They're really different.

**MS. OLDRIN-MONES:**

I think that would be great.

**MS. FURHMANN:**

I think Stephanie would be very happy to have that.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I have that and about a hundred others. Let me know what you want.

**MS. LEBOW:**

Have we gotten in touch with the apple growers on Bread and Cheese Hollow Road or wherever they are?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Richters Orchard.

**MS. LEBOW:**

Yes, Richters Orchard. They may donate some cider.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes, we're contacting them and Jericho Cider Mill as well to see if we can get some cider from them.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Bill had mentioned that he wanted to discuss the dinosaur exhibit.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

That will be open that week. We have special activities that they are going to do in the building there.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

How are the late night laser shows going?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

We have only had them the one weekend. We started last week.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

How did they go?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

We didn't have a huge crowd but we had a good start. We found that when we were going last year, it took about three weeks to build up. It was building every week. We really didn't expect advertising last week. We thought it was going to be just our website, but when this radio station offered to put free spots on every hour, that really helped out.

**MR. D'ORAZIO:**

Can you get some brochures for us? We can hand those out, too.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes.

**MR. D'ORAZIO:**

We can give them out at the colleges.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

We can tack them up in deli's or whatever.

**DR. PECORALE:**

How many people came?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

I think about 40.

**DR. PECORALE:**

And our costs are on a per person basis?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Our costs are just the staff cost. We're leasing the equipment. The lasers are totally repaired. They are now out of warranty but due to the problems that we had with the manufacturer with the equipment, we have come to an understanding or an agreement with them that they are going to give us an extra year of licensing for the shows and replace one part that is still not working. That will be a savings to us of \$10,000. That was going to be the licensing fee. We accepted that offer. They had actually offered six months, and we told them a year. They accepted that. We now have a local repairer in Connecticut that Dave Bush is pretty confident about. He has gone up there and met with them. We know we're going to have some future repairs coming up within a year, but we're good to go right now, and the equipment is working fabulously. Hopefully our problems are behind us with the lasers. We will be running all through President's Week as well.

**MR. D'ORAZIO:**

How is the speaker system running?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

It's acceptable. It could use some new speakers, but we're getting by. We're not really getting any complaints. The staff is complaining more than the public.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

The last time I heard them they were –

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes, we could use some new speakers. That's on our wish list.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

To make those laser shows sell, you're going to need new speakers. Don't you think?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes, but I think when we get some more income from them, we'll be happy to do that.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

The problem with the lasers, too, is that bulb only has so many hours on it, right, and they're very expensive to deal with. Some of that money has got to be put to the side for the day that that bulb goes.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Right, and the gas has to be re-gassed. We have about 500 hours of gas right now.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

And it's about \$1,000 just to re-gas it. That doesn't last long.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

No, it doesn't.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

And then to buy a new bulb is like \$14,000 or \$15,000. We have to, like Lance said, milk this thing through.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

How much would new speakers cost?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

At least \$2,500.

**MR. D'ORAZIO:**

Is that just for speakers or the entire sound system?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

That's just to replace the speaker that is giving us a problem.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

The speaker, if I remember, has a low frequency buzz. That's so annoying.

**MR. D'ORAZIO:**

Especially at a rock show.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

And if you're coming in there and you want the word to spread, you can't give them a humming sound.

**MR. D'ORAZIO:**

Well, we'll talk about that after the meeting, as far as what brand it is and what specifically you need.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Because we're going to set a meeting up with Dan, Maria, and Dave, so maybe we can talk about that at that meeting.

**MR. D'ORAZIO:**

We'd like to get that as soon as possible.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

There might be a way we can address that issue.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Did you want to discuss the dinosaur exhibit?

**DR. ROGERS:**

I happen to have come in here the last week and took a walk around and nothing seems to be happening over there. It just seems to be stagnant. I understand we have some that were still in cases or stored away, but I'm wondering what we can do, if anything, to move this thing forward so it comes alive as a live exhibit again.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Well, we haven't been open on weekdays during the winter to control the heating costs. I think we have removed everything out of the trailers. Everything that can go into the building and be put on exhibit has been put in there. I don't think we have anything left. We had a couple of bigger items that were at New York Tech that were broken when their air dome collapsed. Those we weren't able to repair. I don't know what that was.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Dilophosaurus.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

It was the upstanding one, and that wasn't able to be repaired. Right now if you had some other fossils or something, maybe we could work something out with that.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Well, I have real dinosaur fossils, which you're welcome to.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Maybe we could borrow them during Presidents Week because we'll have someone there.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Once you move them here, they have to stay here. The last time the museum moved them, they shattered them. It took me a year to rebuild them. If you're going to take them – I know this sounds strange – but they dropped.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

When did we borrow them? I don't remember borrowing them.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

It was before your time. Aren't you lucky?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Amen.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Actually, I filled up this whole room. I don't know if any of you remember, but I had enough dinosaurs for the room. I don't have as many now as I did then, but you're welcome to them. They are very tough to move. I don't mind – I'm thinking of one now that I haven't looked at in years, but it's in matrix where kids can touch it. They can rub it. It's a big rib of a duckbilled dinosaur. You're welcome to it, if that helps you. I'll transport them up here.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

That would be a big help. I personally moved the mummy case, so I will take responsibility for getting the bones here without damage.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I've got camel. I had a saber tooth tiger, but I sold it. I've got mammals, too. If you have a horse skull, you can have eohippus.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Can Stephanie and I come down and take a look?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I'll just bring them. The eohippus is only this big. It's a little horse, the size of a cat. You can hold the eohippus jaw up against equus, and you can discuss with them the difference in teeth structure, and it will blow their minds. Just that. That's a traveling exhibit right there. You can show evolution and how horse teeth evolved. I can give you all the stuff you need.

Anything else? Yes, Bill.

**MR. MACCHIONE:**

On the Buildings and Grounds Committee – and I'm sorry I was a little late today – but I have several things. One, due to budgetary constraints we lost two workers on the Buildings and Grounds plus the carpenter. So that leaves us with two workers and one supervisor. Lance is making contingency plans in case we have a heavy snowfall to bring in an outside contractor to help us take care of the grounds so we can continue operations during the winter.

The other thing is that the building of the bathrooms in the main house for the public are going along very well. Everything is moving along fine.

Also, one of the concerns we had was in the springtime with the loss of workers, you are going to be replacing the deck for the tent. I believe it's quite a few sections. I was in contact with Bill a while back, and he mentioned it. I think that's a project that



we'll probably be able to take on to where you can deliver the lumber to my location in Hauppauge. We'll build the modulars for you. When we're done, you just come in and ship them back here. It's just a matter of Bill's people putting them together. This way they will be able to continue doing the grounds and working it that way.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

That would be fantastic.

**MR. MACCHIONE:**

Other than that, that's it.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Thank you.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Thank you.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Are there any more questions or comments on Education and Exhibits? That was a great report. Thank you both.

Finance Committee, Bert.

**MR. SEIDES:**

The Finance Committee met prior to this Board Meeting. Thank you for those Trustees who joined us. The Treasurer's Report is in your folder. Please review it. If you have any comments, you're welcome to bring them forward now or at the next Finance Committee meeting. I would also like to thank at this time the Trustees who participated in discussing the auditor's report. In your folder is the final draft. I would like to bring forward a resolution for acceptance of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum financial statements and the auditor's report ending December 31, 2004.

**DR. PECORALE:**

Second.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Discussion? I appointed an Ad Hoc Committee, which Dan Olivieri chaired for me. They reviewed the issue that we had before us, FASBE versus GASBE. We went forward with the GASBE recommendation that came from the auditors and Dan's committee. We are waiting for the Executive comment section on the audit report. What we are approving now is minus that text section. Is that okay with you, Bert?

**MR. SEIDES:**

That's fine.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I have a motion and a second. I'm going to ask that the text section, that you allow the Executive Committee or somebody to review the text section so that we can have a final report, or would you like that to wait until the next meeting?

**MS. LEBOW:**

Or the Ad Hoc Committee.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

The Ad Hoc Committee was basically –

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

Myself, Mike, Bert, Tony and Carl.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Yes, we had three Treasurers. We had enough brainpower on this committee. So if the Ad Hoc Committee would review the comments, that would be great so we can put this audit to rest. Would that be all right with you? Can we modify your resolution to that effect?

**MR. SEIDES:**

That's fine.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

And do you second that?

**MR. SEIDES:**

Yes.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Okay, that's good. Is there any further discussion? Marge?

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I don't understand one comment in the financial report, but if everybody else understands it, I guess it's just me.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Well, I think we're going to review the comments.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

No, it's one of the numbers.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Oh, then by all means, bring it up.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

No, I seem to be the only one --

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Marge is referring to the capital outlay in this. We indicated in the committee that those were the expenses associated with the purchase of the tent, the structure for the tent, and the renovations to the dinosaur exhibit that were completed last year.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

Actually it was the one above that. I'd like to know how they came up with that number. It really doesn't say. Dan, do you know? Did you chair this Ad Hoc Committee?

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

Yes, but my job was to help us make a determination --

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

Just the understanding of the GASBE versus FASBE.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

It was very limited in scope.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

They do say the numbers of lives of the various items, that they used 40 years. They used very standard IRS lives. Do you think that will be in the notes?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I'm expecting them to be in the notes. I do know they're not using straight 40 years. It depends on what they're depreciating.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I understand that.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

All this equipment and –

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

Obviously. I just picked up the first number, which was 40 years, when I said that. But you do think they're going to break down that depreciation number in the notes?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

If you look at the notes, the summary of significant accounting policies, you can see the schedule they used. You cannot see how they applied it and to what.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

That's what I'm asking.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I think we can ask them for an amendment that would itemize what they depreciated and on what schedule, but honestly I have never seen that in an audit.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I was just curious.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Is this something that you would want to hold the vote up on?

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

No.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Does everyone understand what I'm describing here, just to bring you up to snuff? Does anyone have a problem with it?

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I wouldn't hold the vote up for it, but I'm always interested in how auditors come up with their numbers.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

One of the things that's important about this audit is that it's in a different format than we have previously had. The depreciation is a new thing. It's not an unreasonable request to say, "Okay, fine. What did you depreciate? What schedule did you use? How much was that," and then bandy it about. It might pay to ask them to itemize it. Unless we have a need to have this audit report done tonight –

**MR. MALLAMO:**

No.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

It depends on the sense of the Board. If you want to see how they have done it – personally, I would like to see it, too, but I don't know if I have to hold up the vote.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

My question to Lance is, will we need this report for anything else between now and when we next meet?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Well, I know the County would like to get this as soon as possible. We have been saying it's been coming for months now.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

Can we conditionally approve it with the understanding --

**MR. MALLAMO:**

That we'll get the details for this information?

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

That we have a concern, and that we're conditionally approving it dependent upon the Executive notes?

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

Can't we ask them – this is in their so-called draft form. Can't we get them to fax a copy over tomorrow with a footnote breaking down what that depreciation is for each of those items?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

It's going to be more than that. It's going to be a schedule. In other words, I'm envisioning that there is a schedule of equipment and buildings and grounds, and that they are going to explain how they depreciated each item. I would like –

**MS. LEBOW:**

It's much more than a footnote.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

It's more than a footnote.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

So it's going to be a full schedule, then.

**DR. ROGERS:**

It's a good idea to have them do that so we have a future reference.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I want to see that.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

You don't know how they have formed that number.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

We might disagree or it might not be that germane to us when we see it. In other words, we might say, "Fine, this is seven years

versus five years,” – I know when I do my taxes in my business, every depreciation is an important thing to me. I think we have to think that through. It’s a good point. If you’d like, we can approve this in form and we can get the depreciation schedule and come back to it.

**MS. LEBOW:**

But then in terms of dating it to the term, you’re not going to approve the entire thing until we get the schedules.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Can the County wait a month?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

They waited this long, so –

**MR. D’ORAZIO:**

Why don’t we wait until next month and approve the whole thing?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I would rather do that.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I would be more comfortable doing it that way, quite frankly.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

I’m willing to do that.

**DR. PECORALE:**

So you want to withdraw the motion?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Yes.

**DR. PECORALE:**

I’ll withdraw the second.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Is that okay with you, Bert?

**MR. SEIDES:**

That's fine with me.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

So we are going to hold it off a month, pending seeing the schedule of depreciation. We will have everything within two weeks, I think, and be able to nail that down.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

We'll try to send it out in advance so you have an opportunity to review it.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

So that you can review it, you can walk in here, and it's a pro forma thing.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

Thanks.

**MS. LEBOW:**

Good point.

**MR. SEIDES:**

Before I close my report, I would just like to pass around the check history report for December and the first portion of January. I would like it back. Thank you.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Okay, Nominating Committee.

**DR. PECORALE:**

As per the bylaws, we gave our report at the last meeting. I'll reiterate it. Our recommendation for President, Steven Gittelman; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Daniel Olivieri; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Susan LeBow; Secretary, David D'Orazio; and for Treasurer, Michael DeLuise.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

The report to me is not binding. Does anybody wish to make a nomination from the floor for any particular office? If I have no



nominations –

**DR. PECORALE:**

I'd like to move that the Secretary cast one ballot for the nominations.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I so do so.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Is there a second?

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I so do so – that wasn't English.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Bill Rogers is out of the room. Why don't we just move on, just as a courtesy. Why don't we go on to the Personnel Committee, just temporarily.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

There was no meeting of the Personnel Committee since the last meeting. Do you want me to go to the Director's Report?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Yes, please.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

It's been a tough week here at the museum. We had a number of lay offs last week to try to avoid a budget shortfall later this year. We're doing our very best to keep our expenses as low as possible and generate new revenues. We have been looking at a number of ways – Gretchen talked about the Winter Fest that we're doing. We're looking into certifying the staff as merit badge counselors to do scout merit badges here at the museum and developing a number of other new programs and extending the time of the laser shows later into the evening. Hopefully that will improve our financial situation.

We're far from alone. This is an issue that's affecting museums across Long Island. I was at my local Historical Society in the Three Village area the other night, and they estimated that at this rate, they will be bankrupt in 18 months. Everybody is kind of facing these issues and taking steps to address them. It was a hard decision for me to make in the past week, but it was something I really felt strongly had to be done. I see a new commitment in the staff to really make things happen here, even in the short period since then. People seem to realize the significance and the importance of working together to hold down our costs and increase our revenues.

I also had a meeting today with the Director and staff at the Office of Budget Review out at the County Legislature. We talked for quite a while, and I stressed what steps we're taking here. They seem very supportive and understanding of the efforts that we are making.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Any questions about that report? I'm going to go back to the Nominating Committee. Bill, in your absence the slate for the Nominating Committee was described and a vote was cast by the Secretary in favor of voting the entire slate in. As a courtesy, we waited for you and now I guess we will vote. All in favor of voting in the slate? Opposed? Abstentions? **The slate carries. (Vote: 13/0/0/2 Absent: Ms. Figalora & Mr. Parr.)**

Do you want to repeat who the officers are?

**DR. PECORALE:**

Steven Gittelman, President; Daniel Olivieri, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Susan LeBow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; David D'Orazio, Secretary; Michael Deluise, Treasurer.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

If there are no questions, I want to thank the officers who served last year for their service. I want to say that I appreciate their efforts, especially in terms of Marge, her long-term service as Secretary. Bert, thank you for being Treasurer. I would ask that the Treasurer please help the new Treasurer with a smooth

transition.

**MR. SEIDES:**

Not a problem.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

And the Secretary or if any of the new officers need help in doing their jobs, please call your predecessor first. Lance and I will be glad to help you in any way we can. Call for help before you run into trouble. We have to help each other to get going.

I guess I'm up to the President's Report. I want to thank you for choosing me to be your President for this, my fifteenth term. It's important to me to tell you what I feel are the priorities for the coming year. I think this year's priorities feel different for me than last years. This year we have to have a balanced budget. We have got to take on that challenge. We have got to make that a very important priority.

The waterfront is out there, but it isn't here now. The waterfront, whatever dreams it may represent, is not going to carry this museum through 2006-07. If the waterfront gets here in 2008 and we're not here, it's not going to do anybody any good. I think many of you know and share the dream with me that the waterfront is a very important objective and that it will most likely make a huge difference in our finances when it gets here. But we have to bridge the gap. That puts a particular burden on this particular Board historically. No Board has ever been at this turning point at the history of this institution where there is so much promise a few years from now and yet so much challenge on the short-term. Unfortunately, we have to raise money. I am confident that staff will raise money through operations and will keep costs to a minimum, but we have a responsibility to raise money. We have to continue to close the gap through fundraising. We have to start now to plan our events. We have to start now to make sure that the gap is not going to bring on further lay offs because we don't have the ability to lay off anyone else. The ones that we did were very difficult. You can't cut into the meat and the bone and expect to keep the race up.

The other thing that I think is very important and that I discovered over the past year was that we as a Board can accomplish far more if we're all pulling in the same direction. Whatever we do in the coming year, even honest differences of opinion, let's try to bridge the gaps. Honest differences of opinion can sometimes still lead to division. I think if we can compromise, let's put out our hands and compromise. Let's find a way to work and make it all pull in the same direction. Whatever it is, we've been a pretty tight unit. I want to be the first to suggest that if we're going in opposite directions, if there are feelings of, "I want to do this, but he wants to do that," or "We should have done this and we didn't do that," let's talk about it. Let's really communicate. We have a wonderful institution, and we have to pull in the same direction to pull it through. We're not going to pull it through if we don't pull together.

That would be my dream for the year to come. I hope that we have continued support from the County and that we start to see some construction on the waterfront and the seaplane hangar and that we do get the boilers going because this gets to be a cold place. I think we may have to broaden our legislative efforts, and we may have to unify our strengths. Some of you have connections with Legislators. I need the help. It's a different world now. I need the help. That's the story.

I thank you very much. I must love the job or I wouldn't have done it 15 times. I do love the job, and I appreciate the opportunity to do it again. It truly is a privilege. That being said, is there any old business? Are there any questions? If I didn't say it before, I want to wish you a Happy New Year. It's good to see your faces. Old business? New business?

**DR. PECORALE:**

I have a question.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Sure.

**DR. PECORALE:**

Lance, are we still getting the people from the courts that have to

make –

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes, we are. You're talking about community service; right?

**DR. PECORALE:**

Yes.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

But not in the numbers that we were getting them, but we are still getting them. We haven't had the Labor Department crews that we previously had access to because they have been cut back or even totally eliminated.

**MR. DIECK:**

They have been disbanded. They have one youth group left.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

We do still get community service volunteers. We're also putting out a new flyer looking for new volunteers right now.

**DR. PECORALE:**

The reason I ask the question is, do we have a project that we have planned for the – a couple of years ago we brought in the tree group in the spring, and we had to make arrangements for lunch for them. As I recall, they did a very fine job for us. Is there any chance we can get them back? Is there any chance we can plan a project for people that we get?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

I would be happy to try to contact them again. I know Owen Johnson was very instrumental in bringing them up here. I know they move around the County to different sites, but it's been about five years. They may be willing to come back here now. We are also doing a new push with our gardening program. In fact, our master gardeners are now at the point where they're going to do a brochure on the gardens that they do, so that there is a little more of an educational component rather than just a beautification component to the gardens so that people understand what they are.

**DR. PECORALE:**

The reason I brought it up is I just wanted to know if there is any chance that we can repaint the white wall?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes. That would be a great volunteer project. It's funny you bring that up, Tony. I was looking at that as I drove up here today. It looks pretty dismal, not just the paint but the stucco in many areas is failing.

**DR. PECORALE:**

We have to provide the paint, as I recall.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Right.

**DR. PECORALE:**

And the rollers and stuff like that.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Right.

**DR. PECORALE:**

Could you give us a rough idea as to what that kind of a project would cost?

**MR. MALLAMO:**

We did it before. Bill Dieck, our Director of Operations, who is sitting in our audience now, would probably know. Was it about \$900 to paint that wall, just in paint?

**MR. DIECK:**

Yes, between \$900 and \$1000, about 30 gallons of paint.

**DR. PECORALE:**

Are we willing to put up a sign that the paint came from a certain

—

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Bill, do we actually have paint available for that wall? I know we bought a lot of paint a few years ago.

**MR. DIECK:**

We did, but we didn't get the exterior paint.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Oh, we just got interior paint.

**DR. PECORALE:**

What if we put up a sign that it was done by such and such? I might have a contact that might be willing to do it if we could get the publicity.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Sure.

**DR. PECORALE:**

They could donate the paint.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

We'll pursue it because I think that wall really is a priority this year. It looks pretty sad. We did it in the year 2001. That was the last time it was painted.

**DR. PECORALE:**

I just noticed it as I was driving up that it's starting to look dingy. It's really the first thing people see as they come to the museum.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Right, and the other thing I would love to see happen is have the front gate repainted, the main gate. That's rusting in many areas. It really needs to be very gently sandblasted to get that off.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**



How do you gently sandblast?

**MR. MACCHIONE:**

You lower the pressure.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

Oh, thank you. I had no idea.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes, you need to be very gentle. We use walnuts instead of sand.

**DR. PECORALE:**

Put that on your list and get us a rough idea as to what you need.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

I'll try and work that up because I agree. I was driving up today, and it really looks kind of depressing, the condition it's in. It is the first thing that you see.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

If we went knocking on the doors of all the neighbors, I bet you they would be willing to give us the paint.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

They very well may. They have offered to make a contribution toward landscaping at Normandy Manor, so you never know. If we plant along the fence –

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Why don't we do a little –

**MR. MALLAMO:**

One of the things I didn't mention when I was giving the Building and Grounds Report before Bill Macchione came in was that we had a remarkable success list. It almost got overlooked. For the first time, the Stoll Wing is reachable in a wheelchair. It's such a minor improvement, just eliminating two steps and putting a little terrace in front of that building. We have been waiting for it for so long. All the work was done except the railing. When the railing went in last week, it was an unheralded event. I was walking



across the bridge and looked down and was stunned. I said, "Finally, we don't have to tell children in wheelchairs you can't go there. You have to wait for your class." We need more little successes like that. I will definitely look into that and hopefully have a report for you at the next meeting.

**DR. ROGERS:**

We should have some sort of a report on the things that have to be done and approximately what they would cost or what the material would cost. And certainly amongst Board members, maybe we could come up with the material that's necessary.

**MR. D'ORAZIO:**

That's a great idea.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Yes, that's a very good idea. Maybe some doable projects, not major things, just minor things that make a huge improvement.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

One of the things I forgot to mention was the issue of committee chairpersons. I would ask that all existing chairpersons please remain in place and continue to function. Those of you who do not wish to serve or others who wish to serve chairing a committee, please let me know. I'd like to have all committees in place for the next meeting. If you contact me, I'd like to have this sheet ready to go. Give me a call or I'll call you. Anything else?

**MR. SEIDES:**

Just one last thing. When I passed around the check history report, there were two documents. I received only one back. Please check your folders.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

There were two here. Is it over there, Steve?

**MS. LEBOW:**

We passed along whatever we had.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

It looks like one of these.

**DR. ROGERS:**

I might have it here.

**MR. OLIVIERI:**

There it is.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

The buck stops there.

**MR. SEIDES:**

Thank you.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Also, I will just bring up that we haven't resolved our meeting schedule beyond February. Do we want to go with the same day each month? The February meeting was the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

It was the third Wednesday each month.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

It was the 15<sup>th</sup>, and then the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, the 19<sup>th</sup> of July.

**DR. PECORALE:**

My birthday.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

These are all the third Wednesdays. The 16<sup>th</sup> of August, the 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

So we'll stick to the third Wednesday of each month.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I didn't see anything through the whole year. Do you want me to

keep going?

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

No, it's okay.

**MR. MALLAMO:**

No, as long as we know that's what it will be. If we have to make a change, we can do it.

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

According to the minutes of last month, we had agreed on the third Wednesday so that everybody could do their calendar way in advance.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

Do I have a motion adjourn?

**MS. FUHRMANN:**

I'll do that.

**MS. LEBOW:**

Second.

**DR. GITTELMAN:**

All in favor? Opposed? **(Vote: 13/0/0/2 Absent: Ms. Figalora & Mr. Parr.)**

**MR. MALLAMO:**

Just to add one thing, Maria Figalora had contacted me. She was ill this evening and was unable to attend. Thank you.

**(Dr. Steven Gittelman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.)**

SG:ap